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NHDOT TO HOST SEMINAR FOR DISADVANTAGED AND SMALL BUSINESSES

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a seminar on issues important to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE's) and small businesses will be held at the NHDOT headquarters (7 Hazen Drive) in Concord on Monday, February 7, 2005 from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

The seminar will focus on ways to obtain bonding, short-term lending and important legal rights and remedies when dealing with non-payment. Representatives from the US Department of Transportation, the US Small Business Administration and the Manchester law firm Wiggin & Nourie, P.A. will provide informative presentations on these issues for DBE's and small businesses.

The seminar is free of charge. Those wishing to participate should contact Jay Ankenbrock at the NHDOT at (603) 271-6612.